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EOIR Notifies Aliens Eligible for Full Asylum Benefits Based on Coercive Population Control Policies

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced that it has sent notices to aliens in the United States who had been previously granted conditional asylum based on persecution related to coercive population control (CPC). The notice informs them that they are now fully eligible for all asylum benefits. Spouses and children under 21 years old who are listed on the alien's application for asylum (Form I-589) are also eligible for all asylum benefits. These persons had been granted asylum conditionally prior to December 17, 1999, and their background security checks have been updated and cleared.

Asylum is granted to such individuals on a conditional basis by Immigration Judges and by the Board of Immigration Appeals in EOIR, or by Asylum Officers in the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), because the law specifically limits to 1,000 per fiscal year the number of applicants who can receive asylum on grounds related to CPC. Because the number of individuals eligible for asylum based on CPC annually has been greater than 1,000, these individuals remain in conditional grant status until one of the 1,000 final approval authorization numbers, issued annually by INS, becomes available.

Each fiscal year, EOIR and INS chronologically arrange all conditional asylum grants by the date of the conditional grants (not by the date of recommended approval) and then convert no more than 1,000 to full asylum grants and notify the grantees. The INS updates required security checks for those aliens near the top of the waiting list to establish their continuing eligibility for asylum. The INS has now issued final approval authorization numbers for individuals conditionally granted asylum prior to December 17, 1999, whose security checks have been updated and cleared.

Any person who was granted conditional asylum on or before December 17, 1999, by an **Immigration Judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals**, but who has not received a notice regarding final asylum approval, may check on the status of his or her asylum grant by sending a letter with a copy of the order granting conditional asylum to the appropriate address specified below within 45 days of April 2, 2002. The person's full name, alien number, and current address must be included in the letter.

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In cases where a conditional asylum grant was issued by an **Immigration Judge**, the mailing address is:

The Office of the Chief Immigration Judge
Attn: Mark Pasierb
5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2500
Falls Church, VA 22041 Phone: 703-305-1247

In cases where a conditional grant was issued by the **Board of Immigration Appeals**, the mailing address is:

Board of Immigration Appeals
The Clerk's Office
Post Office Box 8530
5201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 1300
Falls Church, Virginia 22041 Phone: 703-605-1007

Any person who was granted conditional asylum on or before December 17, 1999, by an **INS Asylum Officer**, but who has not received a notice regarding final asylum approval, may check on the status of his or her asylum grant by sending a letter with a copy of the order granting conditional asylum to the **INS Asylum Office** that has jurisdiction over his or her residence within 45 days of April 2, 2002. The person's full name, alien number, and current address must be included in the letter.

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